

Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF CORONET BOULEVARD AT RALSTON AVENUE

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Parking Traffic Safety Committee received a complaint regarding parked cars on Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue creating a sight distance problem and requesting to restrict parking on Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue to improve sight distance.

Background

The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a complaint of parked vehicles blocking travel lanes on Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue. The subject area due to street geometry and narrowness creates a sight distance problem and can be potentially hazardous because vehicles have to enter the lane of opposite traffic to avoid collision with parked vehicles.

Discussion

The PTSC collected information and summarized data after the investigation. Residents within 300-foot radius of the intersections of Coronet Boulevard/Ralston Avenue were notified about the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting. The Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) met with residents twice: January 12th and February 9th at its regularly scheduled meetings. Residents who could not attend the meeting submitted letters to express their views on the issue. During the PTSC meetings the staff presented findings and discussed options. It was indicated that there were no traffic accidents reported on Coronet Boulevard however, there were five accidents reported on Ralston Avenue at Coronet Boulevard within a 2½-year period.

The residents who live on Coronet often use it for on-street parking. To prohibit parking on both sides of Coronet Boulevard would cause residents in that area to park their cars on the next block, therefore affecting residents of Kimmie Court and Coronet Boulevard at Pullman Avenue. The residents who do not live directly by the proposed red zone but use Coronet Boulevard on a daily basis, emphasized that Coronet Boulevard is a narrow street and with vehicles (especially vans) parked on both sides of the street. Drivers often have to veer into the lane of opposite traffic in order to avoid a collision with parked vehicles. This type of action is dangerous due to the lack of reaction time to view any oncoming cars turning onto Coronet Boulevard from Ralston Avenue. In addition, the width of the street is not wide enough for a fully equipped fire

engine to get through when vans are parked on both sides of the Coronet Boulevard.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

The City will be responsible for the installation of the appropriate signs. Costs will be paid from the existing appropriation in the FY 2006 budget for Street Maintenance.

Public Contact

Public contact included posting of City Council agenda, mailing notices to the residents within a 300-foot radius.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution approving establishment of a "No Parking" zone along the east side of Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue.

Alternatives

- 1. Take no action.
- 2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

- A. Resolution
- B. Exhibit A Aerial of Location

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING ESTABLISHMENT OF A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF CORONET BOULEVARD AT RALSTON AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee (PTSC) received a complaint regarding parked cars on Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue creating a sight distance problem; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC reviewed this complaint, performed a field investigation and checked accident data; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC notified all residents within 300-foot radius of the proposed location of the "No Parking" zone by letter and Teleminder about the Parking and Traffic Safety Committee Meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC met with residents on January 12th and February 9th to discuss the issue; and,

WHEREAS, the PTSC recommends approving establishment of a 50- foot long "No Parking" zone on the east side of Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont approves the establishment of a 50-foot long "No Parking" zone on the east side of Coronet Boulevard at Ralston Avenue.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on March 14, 2006 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS:	
NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS:	
ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS:	
ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS:	
APPROVED:	CLERK of the City of Belmont

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

